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## LOCAL BREVITIES.

The Board of Control holds its regular monthly meeting to-morrow morning. Mr. C. HENDERSON, Esq., city editor of the Commercial, has returned from a four weeks' stay at the sea side.

LOUIS KREVENHAGEN, widely known as an artist, has returned to this city, after an absence of fifteen months in Germany.

The Hamilton county Fair, this year, will be held on Aug. 24, 25, 26 and 27. Trotting and pacing will be a particular attraction.

CORONER MALEY held an inquest, yesterday, on the body of Bernard Griebel, a lad nine years old, who died at No. 102 Abigail street of cholera morbus.

The Democratic Executive Committee will meet at the Grand Hotel on Saturday morning, for the purpose of making arrangements for the County Convention.

A SMALL FIRE was discovered in the roof of a frame house on the Colerain pike last evening, but was extinguished with buckets of water before the engines arrived.

The Committee on Public Buildings of the Common Council yesterday afternoon audited a bill of over \$1,300 for new carpets in the different offices of the City Building.

The residence of C. F. Schmiede, No. 20 Fox street, was entered by burglars, who stole two gold rings, a pair of opera-glasses, about six dollars, and a valuable breastpin.

Rev. N. McLeod, of the Fergus street Christian Church, in Cumminsville, has gone North to spend a few weeks, and in the meanwhile Rev. S. C. Adams will supply his place.

The hearing of the requisition in the case of Wm. Pullan, charged with bigamy, the particulars of which were mentioned some time ago, was laid over this morning Thursday by Judge Cox this morning.

The alarm of fire about four o'clock yesterday afternoon was caused by the burning of a shed on Clinton street between John and Central avenues. The fire was easily extinguished, with but slight loss.

THE RUMORS, that the four young men of this city who were drowned a few days ago were intoxicated at the time, are refuted by a letter from W. H. Harper, of Huntington, West Va. He states that they left that place perfectly sober.

The new billiard room of the Gibson House has been refurnished and refitted in a most complete and magnificent style, and will be reopened this evening. The work has been in progress some time, and the public will be anxious to see wherein the Gibson has outstripped its former self in this particular.

THE O'Connell centenary picnic takes place to-day at Runnymede park, South Cumminsville, and an enjoyable time may be anticipated. Hon. S. F. Hunt will deliver an oration on the Liberator. A shooting match open to all, with a prize of a solid silver water pitcher, also occurs during the day. The best pitcher of quarts will also receive a valuable prize. Trains will leave the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton depot at 1:40, 2:30 and 4:20 P. M.

THE FUNERAL of Robert A. McFarland, late financial editor of the Enquirer, took place yesterday from his late residence, No. 34 Longworth street. There was no parade or ceremony of the secret orders of which the deceased was a member, in obedience to the wishes of his aunt. Rev. Maxwell, of this city, assisted by Rev. Mason, of Indianapolis, conducted the religious ceremonies. The funeral was largely attended by friends and relatives, and was observed with due honor to the memory of the deceased.

A MAN by the name of August Summerville was arrested August 3d by Constable Hayne, on the charge of bastardy, upon the complaint of one Lizzie Fetter, a deaf and dumb and deformed girl, residing on West Walnut Hills. The case was yesterday investigated in Equivocal Rowkamp's office. The girl alleges that while Summerville was employed by her father he violently accomplished his purpose upon her, and that she is now pregnant. The statements were made through the aid of an interpreter. After the statements had been made, the Equivocal deemed them sufficient to hold Summerville over to answer before the next term of the Court of Common Pleas in bond of \$500. He was unable to give the required security, and was accordingly committed to jail.

THE CORNER-STONE of the new Methodist Episcopal Church at Hartwell, postponed from Monday on account of the weather, was laid yesterday with impressive ceremonies. Rev. C. W. Ketchum, Presiding Elder of the West Cincinnati District, assisted by Rev. S. B. Smith, pastor of the Lookman M. E. Church, Rev. W. A. Hutchinson, of the Lookman Presbyterian Church, Rev. B. K. Deane, of the Winston Place Church, and Rev. H. Tuckley, resident pastor, conducted the exercises. The address was made by Rev. H. D. Moore, D. D. It was listened to with much interest. The choir, aided by the organ, also added to the solemnity of the occasion. A bountiful collation was spread at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Amusements.

The Haverley Troupe continue to draw good houses, and now that the rain has ceased, we expect to see the old placard, "Standing room only." To-night there will be an entire change of programme—the old favorites appearing in new parts. Matinee Saturday.

The O. & M. Road vs. High Water.

The wash on the Ohio & Mississippi railway at Medora has been repaired so trains are running to Washington, Ind. The wash between Washington and Wheatland will be repaired in five hours after the water subsides. There are no bridges gone or injured and no trestle work washed out whatever on any part of the line.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued since our last report:

Jacob Heid and Barbara Haubner. Peter Albecker and Emma Kase. Thos. Powers and Catherine Noonan. Jos. T. Thompson and Annie McEllen. H. J. Thompson and Cath. Aegulutz. Henry Ernst and Caroline Meyer. Gerhard Robert and Helena Mann. G. F. Ling and Mary Ayer.

The N. & C. Road vs. High Water.

The Marietta & Cincinnati railroad have repaired all damage, and are now running through and local trains as usual.

The express trains will to-night go directly through to Baltimore and the East without detention. Owing to the high water on Millcreek embankments, the trains will leave from and arrive at the Hamilton & Dayton depot.

Foot Race.

A foot-race for \$50 will come off to-morrow evening at 7 o'clock, between Mr. H. Hoffman and Officer John Maehle. They will start from Fourteenth street and run up Central avenue to Fifteenth. Hoffman weighs about two hundred pounds, whereas Maehle pulls down the scales at about one hundred and forty.

Building Permits.

The following permits were issued since our last report:

Henry Bohrens, alter 8-story brick at 108 West Third street; estimated cost \$320.

Henry Bohrens, alter 312 West Fifth street; estimated cost \$300.

Herman Wieman, repair No. 408 Longworth street; estimated cost \$40.

Henry Jockel, addition to two-story brick at 444 Freeman street, estimated cost \$1,350.

Musical Burnet Woods.

The following is the programme of the Burnet Woods Concert this afternoon:

PART I.

1. Overture—"Praeludio" (Weber).

2. Selection—"Maritana" (Wallace).

3. Waltz—"Beautiful Rhine" (Kaiser Bela).

4. Clarinet Solo—"Bergsaga" (Max Carl Schult).

PART II.

1. Overture—"Pique Dame" (Suppe).

2. Fantasia—"Summer Day in Norway" (Widmer).

3. "Egyptian March" (Strauss).

4. Finale—"Oftentrich" (Schubert).

At the Gibson House.

The following are among the prominent arrivals at the Gibson House to-day: J. E. Saxton, Detroit; O. B. Witte, Chicago; J. W. Baker, Columbus; J. D. B. Kirby, Morrow; O. H. W. Hella, Cleveland; O. H. N. Alexander, Delaware; L. S. Clark, Louisville; J. A. Chas. S. Perkins, San Francisco; J. A. Mather, Cleveland; O. A. Hoffman, New Jersey; W. R. Crumb, Buffalo; H. Benedict, San Francisco; Wm. Witten, Ky.; Mr. Cameron, Ky.; Miss Cameron, Ky.; Master H. Cameron, Ky.; B. T. Darkin, Harveysburg; O. D. L. Chamberlain, Delaware; O. B. Dole, Louisville; C. W. Johnston, Sandusky, Ky.; J. T. Gordon, Mansfield; D. May, Hartford; Jos. Mendelsohn, New York; J. M. Dail, New York.

Cincinnati Hospital.

Superintendent H. M. Jones submitted the following monthly report last night to the Directors:

Number of patients as date of last report 252.

Number of patients admitted during the month, 32.

Number of births during the month, 10.

Number of patients treated during the month, 62.

Number discharged during the month, 22.

Number of patients died during the month, 3.

Number remaining July 31st, 272.

Time of residence in the hospital, 30 days.

Daily average in the Public Department, 283.

Daily average in the Ross Hill Department, 2.

Daily average in the Private Department, 11.

Of those admitted 14 were to Public Department and 11 were to Ross Hill Branch.

Of those discharged 8 were from Private Department, and 14 were from Ross Hill Branch.

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The Petroleum Industry.

The early history of petroleum is curious. Known and employed for burning from remote antiquity in the Old World, no process for its purification had been devised, and it was therefore at best but an indifferent and cheaper substitute for animal and vegetable oils. The first attempts to refine it for commercial purposes were believed to have been made by King, of Glasgow, in 1847, on petroleum got from Dorbyshire, in England, from which he prepared a lubricating oil, and it was the exhaustion of the supply that led him to improve the methods for the extraction of oils from coal.

Meanwhile, in the United States, the existence of a source of mineral oil had been known to the Indians of New York and Pennsylvania, who prized it as a medicine, for which purpose it became familiar to the early European colonists under the name of Seneca-oil. It appears to have been an object of research to the aborigines ages ago, since in the oil regions of Western Pennsylvania are found pits or wells apparently dug for the purpose of collecting the oil carefully timbered, and affording from the growth of the forest upon the site, evidences of an antiquity of from 600 to 1,000 years.

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